



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE
COUNTY OF LEE, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

FEBRUARY 4, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Lee, State of North Carolina, convened at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room, Lee County Government Center, 106 Hillcrest Drive, Sanford, North Carolina, on said date. Commissioners present were Robert H. Brown, James C. Kelly, Jerry M. Lemmond, John T. Quiggle, Robert T. Reives, and Linda A. Shook. Commissioner Nathan E. Paschal had been excused due to medical reasons.

Chairman Brown presided and called the meeting to order. The following business was transacted:

County Attorney K. R. Hoyle delivered the invocation.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Joe Cherry from the Employee Selection Committee introduced Ms. Nancy Veroni, Administrative Assistant, with the Lee County Emergency Management and Fire Marshal's Office as the *February 2008 Employee of the Month*. Chairman Brown awarded Ms. Veroni with her awards which include a day off with pay, a *Star Award*, a framed certificate, a pizza (compliments of Papa John's Pizza), Coca Cola products from Sanford Coca Cola Bottling Company, and a movie rental from the Movie Gallery.

The Board considered additions/changes to the agenda. County Manager John Crumpton asked the Board to consider a request from Social Services Director Brenda Potts to apply to St. Luke Methodist Church for a \$500 grant to provide educational and recreational activities for the THANKS Mentoring Program. Commissioner Lemmond moved to approve the above addition to the agenda. Upon a vote, the results were as follows;

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Lemmond moved to approve the amended agenda as presented. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Lemmond moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which consisted of the following items:

- Closed session minutes from the November 5, 2007 meeting;
- Closed session minutes from the December 7, 2007 meeting;
- Minutes from the January 22, 2008 regular meeting;
- Minutes from the January 22, 2008 Finance Committee meeting;
- United Way funding grant for THANKS Mentoring Program in the amount of \$2,000;
- St. Luke Methodist Church grant for Hillcrest in the amount of \$500;
- St. Luke Methodist Church grant for THANKS Program in the amount of \$500; and
- Modification of gymnastics lease with Moore Business Park

Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

The following individuals signed up to speak during the *Public Comments* section of the meeting:

- Wade Childress, 143 Willett Road
- Bob Joyce, representing the Sanford Area Chamber of Commerce
- Richard Hayes, 2004 Vantage Pointe
- Jonathan Williams, 2113 Brookwood Trail
- Amy Dalrymple, 1449 Dalrymple Farm Road
- Ray Rhodes, 3309 Wycliff Court
- Kathy Briggs, 1417 Gormly Circle
- Kathy Parker, 310 Mayflower Circle
- Bonnie Boggs, 2011 Swann Station Road
- Shawn Williams, 3125 Hickory Hill
- Dr. Matt Garrett, 1305 Clearwater Drive (representing CCCC)
- Lloyd Kent, 4772 Cox Mill Road
- Charlie Spivey, Lee Senior High School
- Reggie Peace, Lee Senior High School
- Steve Womack, 1910 Plantation Drive
- James Emerson, 2120 Eveton Lane

Chairman Brown called for a 10-minute recess at this time. Upon returning from recess, with all members present, except Commissioner Paschal, the meeting resumed.

The Board heard a report from Mr. Michael Watson, Director of the Sandhills Mental Health Center. Mr. Watson stated he had recently received the 2006-07 audit with no compliance concerns documented. The Sandhills Center has a strong fund balance and the biggest issue at this time is Crisis Services. Mr. Watson stated they have contracted with two private providers to assist with repeated admissions. No action was taken.

The Board considered a request for additional personnel for the IT Department. IT Director Ryan Draughn asked the Board to allow him to hire a Computing Support Technician II position to assist with the growing demands in that department. Mr. Draughn stated that during the FY 2007-2008 budget planning cycle, the requested IT Support Analyst position had been removed. As part of his contingency plan, a help desk support position in the amount of \$28,600 was proposed, and to be funded mid-year. Mr. Draughn is now asking that the help desk support position be upgraded to an IT Computing Support Technician II position. After some discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to defer the request until the Finance Committee could review and make a recommendation to the full Board at the February 18, 2008 meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, and Reives
Nay: Shook
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a five to one vote.

Commissioner Reives moved that in the future, all new employee requests go before the Finance Committee for review before going to the full Board. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Reives, and Shook
Nay: Quiggle
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted by a five to one vote.

The Board considered a resolution in reference to E-911 landline funds. County Manager John Crumpton stated that the collection and disbursement of all 911 fees in North Carolina changed on January 1, 2008. These changes arise from Session Law 2007-383, signed by Governor Easley on August 19, 2007. Under the new law, all 911 service fees will be collected at the rate of \$.70 for each connection (currently \$1.00 for each connection). Wire line and wireless providers will collect the fees and remit to the North Carolina 911 Board for administration. Prior to January 1, 2008, wire line fees were collected by a Wireless 911 Board. The Session Law allows for any fund balance of landline line fees collected prior to January 1, 2008, to be transferred to the general fund of the local governing entity and earmarked for special projects. At this time, Lee County has approximately \$800,000 in the 911 Fund. The Finance Committee discussed this matter at their last meeting on January 22, 2008, and recommended that \$500,000 be transferred to the County's General Fund and earmarked for public safety and emergency management purposes. After some discussion, Commissioner Reives moved to approve a *Resolution Regarding the Use of Landline 911 Funds*, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

County Manager John Crumpton gave the Board an update on the 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project. No action was taken.

Mr. Crumpton stated that representatives from Davenport and Company will be present at the February 18, 2008 meeting to give the full Board and Finance Committee a report on Lee County's financial status.

Mr. Crumpton also stated he would like to take longer this year to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) with the Finance Committee and full Board before adoption.

Commissioner Reives moved to approve resolutions submitted from the Sanford Area Home Builders Association, the Sanford Area Association of Realtors, and a letter from Mr. George Wilberg in support of the ¼ percent local sales tax to be used for public education in Lee County, copies of which are attached to these minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Reives stated the Finance Committee will meet prior to the regular meeting on February 18, 2008, to discuss and make a recommendation to the full Board on the ¼ percent sales tax issue.

Commissioner Lemmond moved that the Board send a letter of support and approve a resolution opposing a Navy outlying landing field (OLF) in northeastern North Carolina, a copy of which is attached to these minutes and by this reference made a part hereof. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Lemmond moved to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote, the results were as follows:

Aye: Brown, Kelly, Lemmond, Quiggle, Reives, and Shook
Nay: None
Absent: Paschal

The Chairman ruled the motion had been adopted unanimously and the meeting adjourned in keeping with the motion.

Robert H. Brown, Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Gaynell M. Lee, Clerk